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Miss Jacquinot Jules on July 8 completed ten years' service in broadcasting over Station KFUO "The Voice of the Harp," a program of favorite hymns.

Three generations of voting members with identical names appear on the roll of Golgotha Ev. Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., the Rev. Wm. L. Mueller, pastor. They are: William Wians, Sr.; William Wians, Jr., and William Wians III.

After living together for fifty-eight years in holy wedlock, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maas, member of Christ Lutheran Church, Remsen, Iowa, peacefully passed into eternal rest within the span of one hundred hours. Mrs. Maas died on June 12, and Mr. Maas followed his wife on June 17.

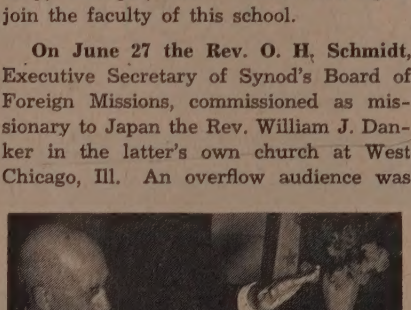
The Brokaw estate, consisting of a new forty-room residence on thirty-five acres in Nassau County, Long Island, N. Y., has been purchased for $200,000 and will become the home of another school for the deaf similar to the one located at Detroit. When operating at capacity, the school will be able to accommodate 250 children ranging from kindergarten to high school age.

The nine-week summer session of Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., was conducted in three integrated three-week sessions from June 1 to July 30. The total enrollment, including nineteen who attended the workshop in visual aids in religious education, was 186 students, who came from nineteen States and Canada. All but one of the forty-five courses offered had sufficient registration to be given.

The late convention of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKiD), composed of Lutheran, Reformed, and United Churches, adopted a constitution declaring the organization to be a federation and not a church. Indiscriminate communing was not approved, but the decision as to who shall commune is left to the individual churches. It is generally agreed that the conservative Lutheran element made itself successfully felt at the convention.

Dr. Julius Bodensieck, since 1946 Protestant liaison worker between the American military government and the Evangelical Church in Germany, is returning to the United States. Prior to assuming his position in Europe he was President of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. He will now again join the faculty of this school.

On June 27 the Rev. O. H. Schmidt, Executive Secretary of Synod's Board of Foreign Missions, commissioned as missionary to Japan the Rev. William J. Danker in the latter's own church at West Chicago, Ill. An overflow audience was present at the service, in which the Rev. Paul F. Mehl, member of the Board of Foreign Missions, just returned from an official visit to Japan, delivered the sermon. Rev. Danker had been in the ministry eleven years prior to accepting this Foreign Mission call. He will leave for Japan as soon as feasible.



The Rev. O. H. Schmidt (l.) Commissioning the Rev. W. J. Danker (r.)

President J. W. Behnken and D. E. Mayer have returned safe by ... from Bad Boll, Germany, where they ... been attending the seminars arrange... the Missouri Synod for approxim... three hundred prominent German chu... men.

A little red booklet, *By Heart,* auth... by Mr. Arthur E. Bergmann, choir ... Sunday school director of Sherman ... Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis., ... plains the first four chief parts of ... Catechism for the young children in sir... language that appeals to them. The ... passages on which the doctrine is b... are there, but they are augmented ... fortified by original verses, Limericks, ... rhymes. Mr. Bergmann's experience ... Sunday school teacher covers a perio... almost fifty years. For his present p... tion, which he has filled for a quarte... a century, he has a remarkable ba... ground, having served at one time or ... other as pastor, professor, and orga...

Dr. Daniel Nelson, the Lutheran W... Federation's commissioner to China s... 1944, died July 16 in an airplane acci... between Macao and Hongkong. On ... same day Mrs. Daniel Nelson and ... children lost their lives when a Cata... Flying Boat, operated by the Cathay ... cific Airways, crashed four miles f... Macao. Dr. Nelson was born in Chin... missionary parents and spent most of ... adult life in China as a missionary of ... Evangelical Lutheran Church. His fa... was killed by a stray bullet during ... Chinese Civil War in 1926. His bro... met death at the hands of the Commun... in 1930. G. V. S...

Concordia Cub Week Camp

is one of the few camp weeks for boys and girls in the nine-to-fourteen-age bracket ... is held each year at the Walther League Camp, Okoboji, Milford, Iowa, in northwest I... This year, June 20—27, there were 262 "cubs" in attendance besides a staff of twenty-... Next year there will be two weeks, probably divided according to age. Lutheran ... and girls from the ages of nine to fourteen are invited to attend. The weeks for 1949 will ... June 19 to July 3. The activities at the camp include Bible study; music (both singing ... instrumental); all kinds of athletics; ten different crafts; and recreation. Each cabin ... a counselor, who is in charge. The dean is the Rev. Elwood Toich of Alta, Iowa

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Editorial

k in the Spirit"

be a Christian, to lead a Christian Life, is to "walk Spirit." The lessons for next Sunday, the Four- after Trinity, teach this truth. In the Gospel, tell- the healing of the lepers, the Samaritan who returned thanks for his cure had learned to walk in the Spirit. lk in the Spirit means to cease doing the works of sh. The Epistle offers a list of these. Of them the e says: "They which do such things shall not inherit ngdom of God." Our own evil flesh is all too prone g us into such works. So the Collect points to the of our aid: "Because the frailty of man without Thee but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things l, and lead us to all things profitable to our salva- It is through the means of grace, Word and Sacra- that the Holy Spirit does His work in us. How we look forward, therefore, to the opportunity to go house of God to receive there the sustenance we need "walk in the Spirit." It is the joy of this communion held before us in the Introit:

hold, O God, our Shield, and look upon the face of anointed: for a day in Thy courts is better than a nd.

w amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!: ul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the

W. G. P.

Much-Needed Change of Heart

recent issue of *Understanding* quotes Mr. Wilbur e, Jr., saying: "The world is in a bad mess. We can- t out of this mess by hatred or fighting. We can get ly by changing the hearts of men. That is the spirit- o only the Church can do. Ministers are the most ant people in the world today, more important than ls. Ministers cannot do the job alone any more than ral can win a battle alone. That casts upon laymen sponsibility to help lead the world out of darkness." is does not mean that the Church should enter s or inaugurate and conduct social reform move- But, as Mr. La Roe rightly says, the Church should e the hearts of men. This the Church can and should preaching the Law and the Gospel: by the Law con- men of their sins and making them understand that e of their sins they have brought God's wrath upon elves; by the Gospel offering to the terrified sinner surance that in Christ there is forgiveness with God sinners for all their sins. When a man has by true ance and faith been brought to his Savior, then his has been changed. And then he can no longer love sin and live in sin, but rather will seek to do those things which are pleasing to God; he will consecrate his life to his Savior. Churches which no longer preach the old Gospel must utterly fail to bring about that change of heart of which Mr. La Roe speaks. There is no doubt that such churches are to a large extent responsible for the sad spiritual conditions of the world of our day. We, however, are not altogether without guilt. Thank God, we still have and preach the old Gospel, but our guilt consists in this, that we are not with this old Gospel reaching out to the unchurched to the extent of our possibilities. The wide-awake businessman is not satisfied to spend huge sums of money for advertising in newspapers and magazines and the radio, but he sends out his salesmen to make personal contacts. It is this personal contact with the unchurched that we often fail to make where the opportunity presents itself or where we ought to seek it.

J. H. C. F.

The Pastor's Helpers

No pastor can accomplish much without helpers. That pastor who in his congregation finds those men and women who are willing to assist him has much reason to thank God. St. Paul expresses his gratitude for those who assisted him. In the last chapter of his Letter to the Romans he mentions a number of these by name, praises their devotion, and assures us that not only he himself but also entire congregations give thanks to God for these willing, devoted, and able helpers.

Especially in the Sunday school and summer school many of our pastors have had the assistance of faithful men and women who sacrificed their leisure, took time which might have been devoted to work of their own, to instruct the young. In this way they relieved the pastor, who in so many cases is overburdened with work, of much anxiety, and enabled him to devote so much more time to other important work in the congregation. This noble, unselfish service should not be forgotten. The Lord certainly will not forget it, He who has said: "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." These rewards which the Lord promises are more precious than gold and silver.

Also others in the congregation who have not participated in work of this kind should certainly consider the question whether they are in a position to render some service of this nature in the congregation which the Lord Himself will reward far beyond any expectation of our own. "Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not," Gal. 6:9.

S.

The Radio's Wonderful Work

"What ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops," Jesus said to His disciples. He wanted the Gospel proclaimed in all the world. He wanted these glad tidings of great joy to be carried as quickly as possible to all the ends of the earth. His disciples did go forth and proclaimed this message wherever they went. Some of them, for instance, Matthew, Mark, and John, told what they had seen and heard while living with the Lord Jesus. Others, Paul, Peter, and John, wrote letters to their congregations, which are preserved for us. Later teachers carried the message to the uttermost parts of Europe and America. When the printing press was invented, the Church made use of that in spreading the saving truth of the grace of God in Christ Jesus. And now we have the radio, through which we may shout the Gospel from the housetops. Yes, more than that, through the radio it is now proclaimed in such a manner that it can be heard by those lingering upon beds of sickness in hospitals, by those who are far out in the wilds, distant from all neighbors or churches. Whereas formerly, at the highest, a few thousand could hear one man preach, today at the same time millions may listen to the sermon of one man, who need not exert himself more than moderately.

Remember, however, the radio does not work if someone does not employ it. The mechanic and the electrician must do their work, and, most important of all, an able preacher must speak his message of Biblical truth and power into the microphone. We certainly have much reason to thank God that many of our pastors use the radio very effectively. Our new beautiful station KFUO on the Seminary grounds of St. Louis, Mo., has served the Lord faithfully, and God has blessed its work abundantly. To publish all the testimonies of help received, of souls enlightened, and lost sinners won through the radio would require volumes. We were able to do this work because there were many willing servants of God who supported it with their prayers and their gifts. Surely we must continue in these efforts. God has given us men who have the ability to speak words of wisdom and power. Let us show our appreciation and gratitude through our prayers and gifts, so that through this glorious work Christ Jesus, our blessed Savior, may be lifted up and, being lifted up, may draw all men to Himself, John 12:32. S.

Blowing out the Lights

An exchange brings the following story, which is well worth a searching inquiry into our own hearts:

The King's Business tells of a conversation between a minister and a woman who was engaged in Christian work. She knew him, as did many others, to be hypercritical of other Christian workers. He asked her, "Well, are you still letting your light shine?" She answered, "Yes, Doctor, just like you are, and I am blowing out everybody else's just like you are." Perhaps it was a needed rebuke; at least it is a good lesson for all of us. Let us shun this terrible business of "blowing out the lights" of our fellow laborers. We should not seek, primarily, to advance our work; we should seek to advance *His* work. Envy and jealousy are ruinous and deadly sins in the hearts of God's people. Let us repent, confess, and forsake. W. G. P.

Trials as Steppingstones

St. Paul had a "thorn in the flesh," a "messenger of Satan," to harass him. His prayer for its removal was not granted. God said, in effect, that it was good for him to be afflicted. The Lord's strength was to do its proper work in St. Paul's weakness. So it is often with us. We ma know why we are tried, but we may be certain that purposes will be carried out thereby. "The bud may a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flower."

Dr. Talmage reminds us of the fact that many men achieved their true greatness by making their afflic steppingstones to the heights:

"It was not until Beethoven had become so deaf th could not hear the *fortissimo* of a full orchestra th composed his chief oratorio. It was not until John M had become stone-blind that he dictated the sublimest of the ages. It was not until Walter Scott was kicke a horse and confined to his house for many days th wrote the *Lay of the Last Minstrel*. That painter who his colors with blood from his own broken heart make best pictures. The mightiest men of all ages have mightiest in their agonies." W. G. P

The Gambling Craze

No one can deny that in the United States, gambli on the increase. There are some subtle agencies at which would mislead our people into this treacherous ness through all manner of schemes. Efforts are ma dull the voice of conscience, quick large gains are off the ill-smelling tools of former desperate gambler g are avoided. The approach is clothed in very respec dress. The attempt is made to have Satan approach t formed into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14). But w not ignorant of his devices.

While the old Christian must also be warned and o to be on his guard, our young Christians especially shou instructed concerning the disastrous effect of gamblin much the more because some churches actually invite members to all manner of games of chance. It has happ again and again that the police had to raid these games in church halls. Let it be remembered that gambling peals to our carnal love of money and greed. This lo money is a so-called respectable sin, but it is neverth hateful to God, deserves His wrath and displeasure, unless repented of, will bring disaster and ruin upon who live in this sin. S

Ought We Talk About Sacrifices?

In our work for the Kingdom we are apt to talk a the sacrifices we make. Rightly understood, that i wrong. St. Paul, Rom. 12:1, speaks of our obligation to sent our bodies as a living sacrifice and calls this our sonable service," or, another translator puts it, "the mos telligent service we can render God." That is exactly our work for the Kingdom is, a self-evident service. L said that faith is a living thing. It does not ask about works, but is busy doing them. As natural as breathi for the physical body, so natural is the service which spiritual life performs. For this reason we ought not to too much about our sacrifices. David Livingstone had right viewpoint. When he was praised by his friend his sacrificial life in exploring Africa and bringing the pel to its colored inhabitants, he said: "Is that a sac which brings its own blessed reward in healthful act the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a b hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the in such a view and with the thought! It is emphatical sacrifice. I never made a sacrifice. Of this we ough to talk when we remember the sacrifice He made wh His Father's throne to give Himself for us." W. G. P

ray for Those in Authority"

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our day, when even the learned st and the diplomat tremble to- there is only one solution: *pray for those in authority.*

decisions which government s must make are tremendous. n this land of ours, in which we government of and by the peo- eat decisions face our legislators. ır sentiment influences the law- s, it is true. However, the men vernment must meet so many week after week that they can- ssibly ask every citizen for his n and preference in the matter. itizens have elected men to act ir stead, as men who can make ecisions and also abide by their ns, once they have made them. of influence often come from ian homes. Christian statesmen make decisions without prayer. realize that their decision must nerely be one to please their uency, but please the almighty A decision made by the Presi- together with the consent of ess, is a momentous one. It can a real change for our living. It always be made for our coun- welfare. For these decisions, often involve risk of honor and we must have divine guidance, m, and vision. It is the part of nristian citizen to pray for those vernment, that they might make ght decision at the right time.

nen we remember those in au- y, we bear in mind the great of body and mind which these involve. Let us ask our heav- Father to preserve them in good and in sound mind. While some tors live into the eighties, many heir lives as a sacrifice for their y at an early age. Witness the hat there is only one former ent still living.

we pray for those in authority, not forget to pray for the *ad-* to the government. Not all who are busybodies. Many advisers incere volunteers. Others are nally appointed in an informal, gnificant way. If we think of kings and rulers of old followed advisers, we may well say: "Ad- make or break a government." are several examples in Scrip- f this fact. *King Rehoboam,* son lomon, might have done better, had he followed the experienced and older advisers. On the contrary, he followed the counsel of young, hasty, and imprudent advisers. The result was that the kingdom fell, dividing the land into two kingdoms. The forty years of *King Joash* in Judah might have ended as they began, if his adviser, Jehoiada, the priest had lived. As long as Jehoiada was there to advise him, Joash was a good king, reformed the worship of the people, and led them with God's Word. After Jehoiada died, Joash had the son of Jehoiada killed, and obeyed evil advisers instead. Every modern government has advisers, experts in the various fields of human endeavor. Let us not only pray for those in government, but let us intercede also for the *advisers.* Let us pray that our President and his Cabinet, as well as the Congress, be surrounded with wise and good advisers. Let us pray that they might be able and willing to give good counsel and guidance in these perilous times. Let us pray that those in authority not only *have,* but also *use* the good counsel thus offered and supplied. If they warn, may they *act* upon their warnings, for the welfare of the nation.

There are *reasons* why we pray for those in authority. It is not only because they who rule are fallible men. It is not only because we citizens live happier lives under orderly government. These are the usual considerations. Yet, there are other reasons to pray for those in authority. We pray every Sunday that "Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have *free* course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people." We know the Gospel can and does work even in perilous times. Yet it is good if the Church can spread that Word under circumstances of order and peace. It is not selfish to pray for a good government. A government of the wrong kind can hinder the preaching of the saving Word. A government can stop the influx of Christian missionaries. Wars can keep missionary forces from going into new fields. Sad to say, there are still countries today which close the door to the Gospel by government order and by articles of constitution. We think of the mission prayer in Acts 4:24-30. There have been and there are today rulers who rage against the Gospel and oppose its spread. Let us thank God for the government we have, for it has provided the atmosphere for the peaceful publication of the Word. Let us ask Him to continue to bless with this kind of government, for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Finally, we pray that we citizens might not only passively enjoy the privileges our government grants us. Let us ask God to give us willing hearts, hopeful ways, and loving souls to contribute to the welfare of our government. We should have more than a grudging tax to offer. May the Lord help us to be contributors to good government. May He help us to contribute our abilities for the nation's service. The centurion of Capernaum was an "outsider" and gave the Jews a synagog. What a Christian citizen can do, who has not only good judgment, but a praying heart as well! All too often what passes for good citizenship is only a fear of penalty. Praying for the government is the best citizenship. Praying that the Holy Spirit make you a good citizen is the citizenship this country needs today. Let us pray for those in authority that we, with them, may together serve the Lord in this world.

Not I; but We

Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And make one selfish plea;
Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say Me.

For it's OUR, OUR, OUR,
And it's US, US, US;
And the fourth time it is OUR,
And the fourth time it is US.

Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say I;
Thou canst not pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say MY.

Nor canst thou pray the Lord's Prayer
And pray not for another,
For when thou askest DAILY BREAD
Thou must include thy brother.

And it's US, US, US;
And it's OUR, OUR, OUR;
As free from selfish motive
As fragrance of a flower.

For others are included
In each and every plea;
For from beginning through the end
It does not once say ME.

MRS. ANNA HOLMES

Dr. Behnken's Letters

III

Stuttgart, Wuerttemberg, Germany
July 2, 1948

The first session of Bad Boll is now history. It was brought to a close this noon. There is much rejoicing and gratitude to God in the heart of every one of those present. Under God's blessings the meetings were a decided success. This is the expressed opinion of the men of the "Landeskirche," of the "Free Church," of the "Breslau Synod," and of our own delegation.

Sunday, June 27. After having a farewell meal (supper) with the Gaertners the chaplain and I started out for Bad Boll again. We picked up the German "Pfarrer" who had traveled to Munich with us, and by 9:15 P.M. we were back in Bad Boll.

Monday, June 28. Dr. F. E. Mayer delivered an excellent essay on "The Church." The co-essayist was Dr. Thielicke of Tuebingen University. The latter delivered one of those highly scientific and verbose papers. It was very interesting and fascinating, but our American men say things in much simpler language. The chief thing, however, was that (of course, with some exceptions) there was agreement between the groups.

Tuesday, June 29. Dr. Ernst Gerstenmaier of the Lutheran Seminary at Friedberg delivered his paper on the topic "What Is the Church?" This was very good and conservative. It was followed by Dr. Graebner, with an essay on the same topic. Dr. Graebner held his own excellently in debates which followed. I came to the conclusion that with all the great learning and scientific approach to theological problems on the part of the German theologians our Biblical approach definitely "nails down" God's eternal truth much more directly and positively. — On this day Bishop Wurm was present. When I introduced him, he had to get in a few words about the EKiD (Evangelical Church in Germany).

Tuesday evening I took sick. Evidently some of the food did not agree with me. — That accounts for the fact that I am now writing from Stuttgart instead of from Munich. Drs. Graebner, Mayer, Bretscher, and Professors Fuerbringer and Baepler left for Munich with Chaplain Gaertner. Tomorrow they plan to go to Oberammergau, etc., on a trip into the Bavarian Alps. I wanted to go along. The doctor frowned upon this, though he said that he would not forbid it. He said that the heart is O.K., but I must build up some reserve (interest) and not draw on the capital. For that reason he thought that rest would be very advisable. Well, I am at Chaplain Heuer's, and these folks are very kind to me. They were out to the sessions at Bad Boll, and when they heard that the doctor wanted me to rest, they immediately came to my room and invited me to spend the week end with them.

Wednesday, June 30. Professor Fuerbringer took charge of the morning devotions for me. Since the doctors insisted that I do not preside at the sessions, I remained in bed. — Dr. Bretscher delivered the paper on "The Lord's Supper." They told me it was very good. I shall hear him at this coming session. Dr. Brunner from Heidelberg delivered the essay for the Germans. On the doctrine itself there were practically no differences; however, all manner of practical questions arose which reach down into their church life. With their very large congregations and with the millions of refugees who have crowded into the western section of Germany, these pastors face big problems. We were happy to hear that they want to cling to the Lutheran doctrine of the Lord's Supper.

Thursday, July 1. Professor Fuerbringer conducted the devotions. — Doctor Graebner delivered his paper on the topic "Concerning the Civil Government." Everyone said that it was very good. Dr. Eugene Gerstenmaier, the head of the German *Hilfswerk*, held forth for the Germans. The men told me that the papers evoked very much discussion. For the final sessions in the afternoon I presided again. — In fact, with the doctor's permission I attended the Wednesday afternoon sessions, though I sat in the gallery. — Thursday evening a "gemuetlicher Abend" was arranged for the crowd. They sang and had speeches. Dr. L. Meyer acted as toastmaster and did a wonderful job. I've never heard him perform so well. Chief speakers were Dr. Graebner for our group and Dr. Merz of Neuendettelsau for the Germans. I stayed only a short while, since I had to do some work and the doctor had wished me "angenehme Ruhe und frueh zu Bett gehen."

Friday, July 2. Thank God! The doctor permitted me to get back to the regular routine. I conducted the devotions and presided over the meetings. The last morning meant somewhat of a summarization of the nine days' work. I wish you could have heard the expressions from the lips of the speakers for the Germans. It was very touching. They did not think that something like this was possible. They had never had a joint meeting like this where men from many sections could attend. They were well housed and well fed. They never knew "Missouri" as anything else than a strict doctrinal Synod, but now know that there is also *love* and works of love and service in the hearts of our people. These men, with very few exceptions, have never had such doctrinal discussions, and they were very frank in saying that they got very much out of them. I do not know how often the words "Thank you" and "Thank God" were used by the speakers. They were also bold in saying that our program was crowded, but that these days of study of some articles of the Au Confession will be *unforgettable* for Also that word was used repeate the speakers.

Saturday, July 3. I have been en the privilege of being a guest Heuers', resting, reading, writing. gart is beautifully located. The live on "Sonnenberg," and you can city lying in the valley within a few utes' walk from here. The city is in the valley, and the residentia tions nestle on the hillsides. Fru here a person cannot see the destr and consequently the view is beau

Some of the sidelights of the Ba meeting may interest you. Whene opportunity was given the men to a questions to the essayists, those who for the floor would offer a length planation and then come with their tion. It was said that one man seventeen minutes and then aske question.

Another interesting thing was to the men eat. They have practicall starchy foods. You should see the a of it they put on their plates. A observation was made on the day our menu called for rice. It was th time these people had rice for many Everybody piled it on his plate w any regard for the other fellow question whether there would be e to go around seems not to enter the of these good people. Fortunately w enough for everybody. A person but feel sorry for them. Spam and w were served on several days. Wel was a treat indeed!

At noon we sang the table "Speis uns, O Gott, deine Kinder closed the meal with the song "I dem Herrn." These men surely sing hymn of prayer and hymn of gra resounded throughout the dining

The encampment hotel Bad Boll reasonably good facilities. We h washbasin in the room with r water. On Tuesday and Thursda got hot water. There is, however, n in the room, and because we hav only cloudy and rainy weather, the have been chilly. On the *third* o a topcoat feels comfortable. Incide this place Bad Boll at one time mus been used by some minor royal or by some very wealthy people. dining room has a very high ceiling highly ornamented. I can well unde that in former centuries some great were enjoyed there by the elite.

The Educational Conference of Synod

By L. J. DIERKER, St. Lou

Twenty-seven District Boards of Education, the Concordia Seminaries of Saint Louis and Springfield, the Teachers Colleges of Seward and River Forest, and Synod's Boards of Education, Missions, and Publicity were represented by fifty-six delegates at the first Annual Educational Conference of Synod at River Forest on July 8 and 9.

In the opening devotion, Pastor Ed. A. Krause of St. Louis, a member of Synod's Board for Parish Education, urged the boards in District and Synod to pra work as they redouble their effo Christian education.

In a research paper on the sepa of Church and State, Pastor A. C. ler traced the historical develop which led up to the First Amendm the Bill of Rights in our Federal Co tion. This showed that religion w and has been pushed out of, the s Pastor Mueller pointed out that ab separation of Church and State do

and would constitute a violation of First Amendment.

he document known as "The Prot- ıt Manifesto" and issued by "Prot- ıts and Other Americans United" AU) was the subject of a panel dis- ion in an evening session. Dr. W. ck answered the question: "What is Dr. A. G. Merkens spoke on "Re- ns of Catholics, Protestants, and rs." Dr. Eric Malte discussed the "Do the Confessional Writings w Any Light on This Problem?" A. G. Huegli presented an opinion on at Stand Shall Lutherans Take?" essor A. C. Repp acted as moderator. consensus of opinion of the conference ıed to be that the Manifesto did not ent the proper approach to the prob- Our Synod should re-evaluate its approach to the doctrine of the ration of Church and State, care- weigh how far we can go in securing ernment aid without violation of this e principle, and protest encroachments ny church body. The studies and dis- ions again pointed to the vital neces- of reaffirming the importance of its system of Christian schools in The ıeran Church — Missouri Synod. esolution was adopted that a mono- ıh based upon Pastor Mueller's study made available for study at con- nces throughout Synod.

Pastor Gerhard C. Michael opened the rnoon sessions with a brief address the theme: "Building the Christian School Greater with the Lord's Help." Reaching Our Goal in School Enroll- ıts" was the study topic for the after- n. Mr. A. L. Miller presented "A Sug- ed Program for District Boards of cation"; Dr. A. C. Stellhorn a "Report Survey of School Costs in Congrega- s with Less than Three Hundred Com- ıicants"; and Mr. Wm. A. Kramer: provement and Expansion of Our One- m Schools." Mr. Miller stressed that rogram of action is needed, and called n every District board to inaugurate ı a program in its own midst. Dr. lhorn's report showed that the large ority of congregations in Synod have than 300 communicants and that a e number of them not only find it ible to maintain a Christian day ol, but consider it a necessary and tful investment for the growth and ansion of the congregation and the itual strengthening of its members. one-room school is with us to stay many years, both in our nation and in Church. Mr. Kramer pointed out that e lies a fruitful field for the expansion ur Christian day school system. Too e attention has been paid to offering toward the improvement of the one- n school.

Prof. Mark J. Steege briefly discussed e Royal Priesthood of All Believers" he opening devotions of the second day. Few projects have received such ıtaneous interest as Synod's Bible dy Program, inaugurated by the Cen- ıial Convention under the direction of Secretary of Adult Education, Pastor ar E. Feucht. Reports from four sec- s were presented on how the program arried forward in their Districts. Many rable statements were heard from the r. Bible study workshops have been ducted in twenty-eight Districts in od. Scores of circuits within the Dis- tricts have already conducted circuit workshops and many more are being planned for the fall months. Bible institutes are increasing in number.

In his discussion of "The Saturday School" the Rev. O. F. Hinrichs, Red Wing, Minn., pointed out the possibilities of this agency both in congregations with or without a Christian day school.

Pastor R. A. Hingst based his brief devotion for the last session on 1 Thess. 2:4.

In presenting a program of evangelism in the Sunday school, Rev. R. C. Rein discussed as the four main factors involved: the congregation, the pastor, the teachers, the children.

Lutheran Education Week presents many opportunities to acquaint the community with the Lutheran Church and its principles of Christian education. The Executive Secretary of the Board for Parish Education, Arthur L. Miller, discussed objectives for 1948 and plans for the future. An important resolution requested Synod's Board to prepare Student Recruitment Leaflets and a Recruitment Film Strip for our teachers colleges, aimed at the juuior high school age group.

In the closing devotion of the first Annual Educational Conference in the 101st year of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod Prof. Arthur Repp used as his text: "Go, and the Lord be with you," 1 Sam. 17:37.

Department of Public Relations

for The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod

By ADOLF F. MEYER, Yonkers, N. Y.

The Department of Public Relations, established by resolution of the last convention of Synod, will begin its activities Sept. 1. In making this announcement we believe that our Church is entering upon a new and important era of witness-bearing for Christ. With the help of God, this new department should be instrumental in serving the national and international public interests of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, and in serving the interests of our Church will glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

History of Press Relations

Our Church first became aware of the need for press representation when in 1926 the St. Louis Convention adopted a resolution creating a "press committee," "whose duty it shall be to furnish the press important news items concerning the Lutheran Church, in good newspaper style, as well as properly defend our Church against attacks made upon it. This standing Central Press Committee shall consist of three members living near each other; and the various Districts are urged likewise to elect standing subsidiary Press Committees, which are to assist Synod's Central Press Committee in its work. Synod's Committee on Nominations, in presenting the names of candidates for the standing Central Press Committee, shall take under consideration men who have gathered experience in the service of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau."

During the past twenty-two years much has been accomplished by Synod's Press Committee for better press relations. Our Synod and its many activities are well and favorably known to the American newspaper reading public. National conventions were accurately reported on the wire services and in the local press. Religious news commentators, such as Dr. Walter Van Kirk and Dr. Bradford Abernethy, gave newscasts over nationwide networks favorably depicting the great work of our Church. Regular releases of nationwide interest have been made to the various news services. Special releases were made in connection with the commemoration of various anniversaries of the Lutheran Church and of Luther's life, the Centennial of Synod, and other events of national interest. The office of the Synodical Press Committee in New York City was frequently consulted by *Time, News Week, Life, Saturday Evening Post,* and other magazines for information on Lutheran news items.

The District Press Committees throughout Synod were organized by the Synodical Press Committee with the co-operation of District Presidents. Two District Work Seminars were conducted in St. Louis, Mo., and were attended by representatives of almost all Districts. These seminars proved to be of inestimable value in promoting the work of publicity in local areas and in co-ordinating the work of publicity throughout Synod. During the centennial year District Press Committees generally proved to be efficient contacts between the Synodical Press Committee and District areas. Some Districts have carried the organization further by appointing representatives in the various circuits. This organization of a working public relations machine, which is designed to touch even the smallest Lutheran community of our Synod, is one of the large achievements of Synod's Press Committee, and will prove of inestimable value in aiding the future Public Relations Program of our Church.

During the past years Synod's Press Committee was instrumental in obtaining radio time on the "Church of the Air" and "Mutual Radio Chapel" for several nationwide network broadcasts by pastors of our Church. Synod's Press Committee made the necessary contacts so that pastors throughout Synod were able to obtain time on a large number of independent stations for Centennial broadcasts and provided scripts and transcriptions for such broadcasts.

Press Committee Recommends Enlarged Public Relations Department

In spite of the progress made by the Press Committee, its members realized early in the '40s that busy pastors of large congregations who serve on the Press Committee in a voluntary capacity could not possibly do the work justice, and, therefore, placed a memorial before the 1944 convention in Saginaw asking that the Missouri Synod institute a full Department of Public Relations. The 1944 convention adopted a resolution committing the matter to the Praesidium for study and recommendation. In 1947 the Praesidium and the Board of Directors came into the Chicago convention with the

results of their studies and recommendations. Various memorials were also presented at Chicago urging the establishment of a Department of Public Relations.

Thereupon the following convention report was adopted:

After studying the various memorials and recommendations pertaining to the establishment of a Department of Public Relations and after consulting with representatives of the Board of Directors, the Department of Publicity, the Press Committee, the Board for Parish Education, and other interested groups, your Committee respectfully submits the following recommendations:

1. That Synod proceed at once to establish a Department of Public Relations for the purpose of:
   a. Correlating the work of our District Press Committees and otherwise providing for the dissemination of news through press and radio;
   b. Presenting the Lutheran viewpoint on issues of the day;
   c. Answering attacks against our Lutheran Church;
   d. Keeping abreast of legislative developments with a view to preserving our constitutional guarantees of the separation of Church and State, and maintaining contacts with the State Department in the interest of Synod's missionary and educational program.

2. That the Department be administered by a board of seven members: three pastors, three laymen, one member of the faculty of our teachers colleges, to be appointed triennially by the Board of Directors in consultation with the Praesidium, with whom they shall maintain close contact.

3. That the Board of Public Relations shall be instructed and empowered to appoint, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, a full-time executive secretary, who shall be the Director of Public Relations for Synod, and who may be released from office by the Board for Public Relations with the consent of the Board of Directors.

4. That the Board for Public Relations shall be instructed and empowered to maintain an office for its executive secretary in one of the nation's principal cities, which shall be determined by the Department in consultation with the Board of Directors.

5. That the Fiscal Conference shall be instructed and empowered to allocate ample funds for the establishment of a Department of Public Relations which will compare favorably with those of other leading church bodies.

6. That the work of the existing Synodical Press Committee be subsidized until the Department of Public Relations takes over its present functions.

In carrying out the above action of the Fortieth Regular Convention of our Church, the Board of Directors of Synod appointed the following men to serve on the Board of Public Relations: Pastors — E. C. Fackler of Detroit, Mich.; Adolf F. Meyer of Yonkers, N. Y.; M. E. Reinke of La Porte, Ind. Laymen — George A. Halter of Lakewood, Ohio; Frederick Strodel of Chicago, Ill.; J. W. Boehne of Washington, D. C. Teachers College representative — Prof. A. G. Huegli of River Forest, Ill.

Meetings of the Board

At their first meeting in Chicago on April 1 and 2 of this year, Rev. Adolf F. Meyer was elected chairman of the board, Prof. A. G. Huegli, secretary, and Mr. Frederick Strodel, treasurer. Owing to illness, Rev. E. C. Fackler of Detroit could not attend the organizational meeting and later tendered his resignation to Dr. J. W. Behnken because of ill health. As we go to press, another clerical member has not been appointed to the Board.

At the first meeting of the Board the duties of the Board as assigned by the convention were carefully studied. New York City was decided upon as the headquarters for the Department, with a branch office in Washington, D. C. The standing Synodical Press Committee was requested to serve until September 1, 1948, when the new Board of Public Relations plans to take over. A tentative budget was adopted for the remainder of 1948. Qualifications for the position of Director of Public Relations and the names of several likely candidates were discussed. After the discussion of other important organizational business, the board adjourned until June 4, when it reconvened in Chicago to select the Director for the Department. After careful and prayerful consideration of a long list of candidates, it was unanimously resolved to engage Prof. Oswald Hoffmann of Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., as Director of the Department of Public Relations, and to recommend this appointment to the Board of Directors for approval. At a subsequent meeting the Board of Directors of Synod unanimously approved the above decisions of the Board of Public Relations and approved its budget as submitted for the remainder of 1948.

We are now happy to announce that Prof. Hoffmann has accepted the position and will begin his duties on Sept. 1. Our headquarters office has been established at 1819 Broadway, New York City, through the generous co-operation of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau. A branch office at 736 Jackson Place, N. W., has been established in Washington, D. C., through the co-operation of the Armed Services Commission of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

What May We Expect?

The Board of Public Relations feels that God has guided and blessed its every work to the present time. We thank God that we were able to procure such an able executive secretary for our Board in the person of Professor Hoffmann and were able to secure choice office space in a day when choice office locations in New York City and Washington, D. C., are available only at a premium. We have the confidence that Professor Hoffmann will represent our Church with efficiency, courage, and distinction to the press, radio, and motion picture industries, Government, and labor-management groups. We expect him to carry on more effecti than before the work established by Press Committee. While our people join us in expecting real progress in field of Public Relations, none sho expect the impossible. In this connec we appreciated a paragraph in a bull of the Central District Stewardship partment which stated in part: "A recent conference the news that Sy finally has a Public Relations Departm which will soon establish its headquart and begin to function was greeted w much enthusiasm. After listening to so of the expressions, we began to feel so for this Department even before it had the opportunity to do its stuff. must be remembered that the Departm of Public Relations cannot be expected provide a cure-all for every difficulty a every problem that afflicts our organi tion. . . . So . . . let's have a heart a not expect the impossible of our Depa ment of Public Relations." In read again the action of the Chicago conve tion, we are confident that we will h the support of every pastor and con crated layman in a sympathetic supp of our Public Relations Program. are confident that the Fiscal Confere will, in the words of the resolutio "allocate ample funds for the establis ment of a Department of Public Relati which will compare favorably with th of other leading church bodies."

Every member of the Board of Pub Relations expects to work with the Direc of Public Relations in executing the du committed to them by the Church. A knowledging with humble hearts c complete dependence upon the grace a blessing of God through our Savior, Je Christ, we place our confidence for t success of our undertakings in His w failing promises, and offer up to God c prayers in behalf of Professor Hoffma as he begins this pioneer effort in t larger field of public relations for t Church. The greater glory of God a the advancement of the Kingdom of o Lord Jesus Christ shall be the consta goal and motivation of all members the Department of Public Relations.

Funeral Service for Chapl. (Capt.) Markus E. Lohrmann

was conducted at St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham, Ill., on July 5. Chapl. Martin C. Po Chief of Personnel, Washington, D. C., preached the sermon, and the local pastor, the Rev. H. Zimmermann, was liturgist. Chaplain C. T. Schmidt represented the Armed Services Commissi Dr. E. L. Lueker the faculty and student body of St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo. Six chaplai A. Behnke, Kurt Biel, K. Frankenstein, R. Fricke, J. W. Grapatin, and C. T. Schmidt, acted pallbearers. Re-interment took place in Memorial Cemetery at Effingham. Chapl. Lohrmann d from a heart attack at Goodenough Island in the Southwest Pacific on March 6, 1944

›ard for Missions Launches ation-Wide School by Mail

C. STREUFERT, Secretary of Missions

tep by step we are pressing forward rrying out the Great Commission of Lord. With determination we are hing on to occupy new fields. We upon different avenues, we apply ent methods to bring men and women rist and their salvation. Yet it is /s the same everlasting Gospel of Christ. In a most remarkable man- God has blessed our humble efforts.

Forward on All Fronts

rough the consecrated co-operation ir fellow Christians thousands upon ands of men and women were added e membership of our Church during ast three years. In 1945, 13,957 were ved by adult confirmation; in 1946, ; and in 1947, 23,612. No fewer than men and women were brought to nderstanding of their sins and to acceptance of Jesus Christ within years. What a privilege for you and ie to be an instrument in the hand

Results of "Each One Reach One" Program in Canada

The adult class shown in the picture was received into membership by Jehovah Lutheran Church, Calgary, Alberta, Can., on May 30. Four of the group were baptized prior to their confirmation. Four others had been baptized in the Anglican Church, one in the Roman Catholic Church, and one had received infant Baptism in the Lutheran Church. The Rev. Ph. Unterschultz is the pastor of the church

d to bring peace, joy, and happiness the hearts and homes of these our men. What an incentive it is for us ntinue our efforts! There dare not et-down in this most important phase r work. In deepest gratitude to the we will go forward, all-out for t, that many more might be saved. ousands of children are enrolled in unday schools. Thousands are being ughly indoctrinated in our parish ls. It is refreshing to note the in- ed interest in this training of the everywhere. The vacation Bible ls have year after year increased in er, giving hundreds of boys and girls knew not Christ an opportunity to of His love and the salvation He

Reaching the "Unreachable"

it in spite of our increased efforts, are still untold numbers untouched e saving truth, boys and girls out of of our pastors and our congrega- living in isolated sparsely settled What about these children — the ng youth in the faraway isolated ands of Canada, of the Western plains, of the wind-swept desert lands, of the mountain regions, with their lonely trails and impassable roads? What about the little lad physically handicapped, stricken with prolonged illness, confined to his home, without the knowledge of the best Friend of children, with no one to teach him, to show him right and wrong, to tell him of his Savior?

True, there are also families in these isolated areas who at one time were members of our Church. In their care for material things they never thought of ascertaining whether the means of grace, a church, a Sunday school, could also be found in their new surroundings—a church in which they and their children could find the blessed Gospel in truth and purity.

Previous Efforts

Long ago District Home Mission Boards gave serious thought to supplying this need. Already in 1934 the Alberta and British Columbia District took matters in hand and initiated a Sunday school by Mail. The Manitoba and Saskatchewan District soon joined them. More than 1,200 children were enrolled. Many years ago the Oregon and Washington District initiated a printed service (sermons) by mail for families in isolated areas. The Atlantic and Southern Districts followed through along similar lines.

Now the Board for Missions in North and South America, the Board for Parish Education, and the Lutheran Hour are joining hands for a systematic, co-ordinated, nation-wide, and, if the Lord grants success, **a world-wide** effort to reach out to unchurched children in isolated areas. Through the Lutheran Hour, through KFUO, and through other Lutheran broadcasts this new undertaking will be made known. Invitations will be extended to enroll children in our Sunday School by Mail. The regular Concordia Sunday school leaflets will be used. On the basis of these lessons work sheets are prepared. These work sheets are to be filled out by the Sunday school pupils and returned at regular intervals. Further detailed information will be given pupils at the time of their enrollment.

A Co-Operative Plan

In order to initiate this effort, the Board for Missions in North and South America is co-operating with the various District Home Mission Boards in the United States and Canada. It is acting as a clearing house for the Sunday School by Mail.

Applications for enrollment in the Sunday School by Mail sent to the Lutheran Hour or directly to the Board for Missions in North and South America, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo., will be forwarded to the representative of the Mission Board of the District in which the applicant for the Sunday School by Mail lives. The District Home Mission Boards have agreed to be the clearinghouse for their District and to assume the management of the Sunday School by Mail.

What can *you* do to promote the proposed effort? Tell others about it. Publish it everywhere. Consider yourself to be a committee of one. You might be living a great distance from your own church. Nevertheless, you, Sunday after Sunday, make the long trip to your church because you love the house of God and the message which is there offered. But you may know of a neighbor, a friend, living in an isolated faraway area, someone who is not willing to send his children a long distance to Sunday school; will you not persuade him to apply for membership in the Sunday School by Mail?

Local Advertising

To spread the good news of the Sunday School by Mail, you might seek the assistance of the local broadcasting station and place spot announcements on the program. The assistance of your local newspaper might be sought to extend an invitation to children who have no church connection to apply for membership in the Sunday School by Mail.

The Lutheran Hour will launch this effort with the opening of the fall season on Sunday, Oct. 3. Tune in and hear the announcement. Pray the Lord to bless this momentous missionary undertaking.

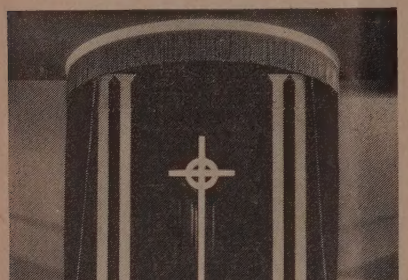
A Promising Student Work Frontier

At the foot of the pine-covered hills near the University of California campus in Berkeley stands University Lutheran Chapel, home of a student congregation sponsored by the California-Nevada District. At the time of its dedication in November, 1947, this was our Synod's only student chapel west of the University of Nebraska in Lincoln.

A fascinating story lies behind the acquisition of this chapel for our work among Lutheran students. In the spring of 1947 a Protestant pastor was attending a social function at one of our churches in Wichita, Kans. His car motor was temporarily stalled, and in conversation he incidentally mentioned the existence of the Berkeley chapel to Rev. L. H. Deffner, father of Student Pastor Don Deffner of University Lutheran Chapel. It was this chance conversation which led to the eventual purchase of the chapel. An in-

teresting sidelight is that $10,000 was subtracted from the original purchase price because the owner was pleased with the "Gospel preaching of the Lutheran Hour."

While the chapel had been used as a pagan cult's temple, a dancing school, and



Altar of University Lutheran Chapel

still more non-ecclesiastical purposes in the past, it was now quickly changed into a functional plant for full-time student worship services and social activities. Extensive renovations were soon made in the interior of the chapel. An architect designed strikingly unique chancel furnishings, and a color consultant prescribed a rare combination of rich colors for the various rooms of the chapel. Students also gave generously of their time in refinishing the floors and assisting the small army of workers throughout the chapel.

Today the passer-by on College Avenue whose eye is caught with the prominent sign University Lutheran Chapel sees a rustic brown-wood front covered with heavy green vines. Entering the small chapel, the eye is immediately drawn to a six-foot gold cross, spotlighted against a rich burgundy dossal curtain and topped by a semicircular canopy edged with a one-foot gold fringe. Heavy drapes hang from each side of the canopy and are tied back to the wall, which complements the scene with a soft orchid color. Beams and columns and the altar, pulpit, and lectern are set off in white, a distinct and pleasing contrast to the dark mulberry shade of the side walls and hallways.

A Bible Study Room is painted in cool turquoise, the large undercroft a gay yellow and green, and another meeting room is done in the University of California colors of blue and gold. Also included in the chapel are the kitchen, the pastor's study, and his quarters on the third floor of this surprisingly serviceable building. A spacious lawn behind the chapel is used for summer meetings and social activities.

This exceptional physical plant has been a great aid to the University Lutheran Chapel's student program. Attendance doubled in this year's Sunday worship services at the chapel. Holy Communion was celebrated frequently. Gamma Delta held weekly Sunday evening hours, with topics, movies, visiting speakers, and special banquets. A choir and an adult confirmation class were organized. The program of full-time pastoral service to our Lutheran students grew steadily with the increase in church attendance.

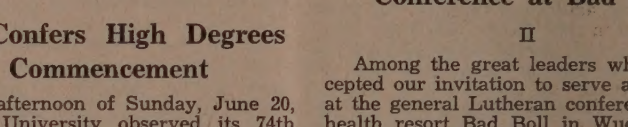
In the first month of this summer the expected drop in attendance and activities did not come. Instead, interest continued to rise, and the surprised but happy students and pastor are continuing with a full-time program throughout the usually "dead" summer months. Their next project is a new electronic organ to beautify the chapel services. This fall they plan to meet with Lutheran students from Stanford and other northern California universities for joint outings and activities.

Surely the Lord's blessing is in evidence in our Church's progress at University Lutheran Chapel in Berkeley, a new frontier in full-time student work!

DONALD DEFFNER

Valpo Confers High Degrees at Commencement

On the afternoon of Sunday, June 20, Valparaiso University observed its 74th commencement, graduating a class of 164, the largest since the school came under Lutheran management. Chapl. (Lt. Col.) Arthur C. Piepkorn, Commandant of the United States Army and Air Force Chaplain School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., delivered the address before an audience of about one thousand persons.



Valparaiso President and Three New Doctors

L. to r.: Traugott Herzer, O. P. Kretzmann, August C. Stellhorn, Hans Rosenwald

One prominent feature of the commencement exercises was the conferring of honorary degrees upon three men of outstanding merit. Dr. Traugott Herzer received the degree of Doctor of Laws in view of his successful labors as "humanitarian, able public servant, courageous pioneer, devoted churchman." Dr. Herzer is a graduate of Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, and for three years was superintendent of missions of our Synod in Alberta and British Columbia. His caliber may be gauged from the fact that he now fills the important positions of General Manager of Canada Colonization Association, General Manager of the Colonization Corporation of Canada, Treasurer and Organizer of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, and Temporary Chairman of the Canadian Christian Council for the Resettlement of Refugees. Dr. Herzer is the son of the sainted Prof. John Herzer, teacher at our Springfield Concordia from 1892 until his retirement in 1914.

Valparaiso University honored Dr. Hans Rosenwald with the title of Doctor of Music. Dr. Rosenwald is a "distingui musicologist and an authority in the of church music, particularly of Bach the Lutheran chorale." He received training in Germany and since 1936 been associated with the Chicago Mu College. He is the author of a numb important books in his field.

The third honorary degree, tha Doctor of Education, was conferred Dr. August C. Stellhorn, widely know our circles as Secretary of Schools o staff of our Synod's Board for P Education. A graduate of Conc Teachers College, he filled the positi Superintendent of Schools in the Ce District and since 1921 has served General Body. He is the originator t Educational Conference of Sync Boards of Education and has w numerous books and articles in the i est of Lutheran education on the mentary level. G. V.

Conference at Bad Boll

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Among the great leaders who ha cepted our invitation to serve as lect at the general Lutheran conference a health resort Bad Boll in Wuertte Germany, during July, 1948, were, i dition to those referred to in our r of two weeks ago, Dr. Karl Schuma the Christopherus Stift, Evangelische demie, Hemer; Dr. F. Hopf of M hausen; Prof. D. Adolf Koeberle o University of Tuebingen, known to s ars everywhere through his writings

Ernst Kinder of Neuendettelsau, Dr. Asmussen of Schwaebisch-Gmuend; Profs. Hans Kirsten and Martin Kiun our Free Church institutions. Tog with the men mentioned in our firs stallment these lecturers make up a stellation of Evangelical scholars su have seldom, if ever, gathered in one

But our readers will begin to w what was the subject of the deliber of Bad Boll. In general, it was the tion of the confessional basis of Luth ism, particularly: *Is the Augsburg fession today an adequate stateme Christian truth?* How far does worl theranism subscribe to its teach Principally, five of these teachings investigated: justification by faith means of grace, the Church, Holy munion, and civil government. session met for nine days. Dr. Behnken led the morning devotions also preached over Radio Stuttgart. time was given by the American del to the history of American Luthera our church work, and organization

k of the Walther League and the Lay-n's League was presented in word and tion picture. Daily papers of Muenchen, nkfurt, Stuttgart, and Goeppingen had orters at the meetings. Dr. Bodensieck he Lutheran World Federation, Bishop der of Baden, and Bishop Beste of cklenburg were visitors during the clos- week. All guests and visitors mani-ed deep interest in the sessions, and n the remark was heard: "an epoch-ing event in the history of European heranism." Never before had Lutheran ders from all parts of Germany thus n gathered in convention.

What are our impressions of the con-nce as a whole? For one thing, not day passed without some convincing dence of the fundamentally *Lutheran* racter of the churches in Germany ring the Lutheran name. Scripture quoted by all lecturers as the only, icient, and authoritative norm of faith life, by which all teachings must be ged. Jesus Christ acknowledged as Son of God Incarnate, and the only deemer of the world. Redemption ough the substitutionary sufferings and th of Christ our only hope of salva-and the heart of the Christian mes-e. There was no uncertainty regarding real presence of Christ's blood and y in the Sacrament, concerning the itual character of the mission of the urch, concerning the indwelling of ist in the Church through the Word, divine institution of the holy ministry, the need of confessions (creeds) as afeguard of correct teaching. That the man theologians in no wise yielded to American representatives in the posi-, earnest testimony of these truths, is ery significant fact brought out by these etings.

Differences in teachings, such as de-oped at various points in the discussion the doctrine of the means of grace, ination, altar fellowship, were freely nitted, but no rancor or bitterness ever ered into the discussions. It is evident the liberalism which originated in many a generation ago and which is being fostered in American schools of ology, is practically dead in the home of origin, and no one shedding a tear over demise. Hence the earnest search for ound confessional basis and the deep rest in old Lutheran truth.

Probably no one who was present at e meetings believes that their influence die with the closing devotions con-ted by Dr. Behnken on July 24, 1948. the representatives of our Free urches were enthusiastic in their praise the testimony offered and are deter-ed not to lose contact with the clergy institutions of the Lutheran State rches of Germany.

Bad Boll, Germany, July 19, 1948

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om a European Notebook

On one day the office of Chaplain ier, USA, in Stuttgart received one and alf dozen packages of food from St. l's Sunday School, Albany, and the e amount from St. John's, Midland, h. . . . At Frankfurt our office received ne day during July 151 bales of cloth-one hundred pounds to the bale. . . . There is a strong movement in the direction of starting Bible classes in the Lutheran churches in Germany. . . . Among the laity there is an "Each One Reach One" movement under another name. . . . The stoutest heart must quake at the social confusion resulting from the invasion of penniless refugees from the East. Here is a village of 220 inhabitants increased to 650 by the arrival of exiles from Silesia. One must multiply that by ten thousand to get a true picture. Three families living in three rooms, and the women cooking their meals on the same hearth — not friends or relatives, but utter strangers, without money and without opportunity to work. . . . The institution founded by Loehe in Neuendettelsau a hundred years ago is training laymen for relief among the terror-stricken millions that have fled before the Russians. . . . Our chaplains are receiving notable support from the military authorities. At Stuttgart, Chaplain Heuer reports that Provost Marshal Millner is superintendent of a Bible class. . . . Dean Koller of Bavaria reports that in one parish of eighteen thousand Lutherans there has been an invasion of 150,000 refugees, entailing the establishment of 380 preaching stations and 425 schools. Usually the bicycle is used by the 110 laymen and the 70 pastors who serve these strangers from eastern and southern Europe. An elderly deaconess traveled 60 miles a week on foot through the Bavarian forest to teach her classes in religion. . . . The reverse situation, the millions of German prisoners who have disappeared in the limitless steppes of Russia, is even more fraught with tragedy. Nothing in the discussions at Bad Boll of pastoral problems impresses one more than the constant references to "our missing brethren in Russia." . . . Through incredible hardships and dangers some of the pastors escaped from Russian prison camps. One found his way back after living with fifty other theologians in a wild sector of the Ural Mountains. He had with him the clothes on his back and a Greek Testament. . . . *Stars and Stripes*, the daily paper of the Occupation Forces, has experienced a change for the better since the invasion days. Here is an issue of June 12, 1948, devoting an entire page to the list of Protestant and Catholic churches, also Jewish synagogs, at which Americans are invited to worship in every sector of the American Zone. . . . In areas deprived of their pastors through the war, ministers' wives and deaconesses serve in husbands' absence and often elsewhere for exiled pastors. In Bavaria, laymen are still serving as lectors. . . . When an unaccounted number of Lutheran ministers were imprisoned by the Nazi regime, Prussia alone had more than a thousand "illegal" pastors, secretly examined and ordained — no salary, no protection from the State, supported by private gifts which people added to the State taxes. . . . Prof. D. Schlink of Heidelberg University says the Missouri Synod, represented by Prof. F. E. Mayer, was the first American Lutheran body to show its interest. Faculty and students are grateful for spiritual help and are much moved by our fidelity to the Lutheran confession and our earnest concern about our heritage in Germany.

Wuerttemberg, Germany, July 21

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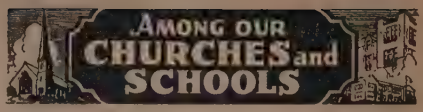

Alberta-British Columbia District Convention

The nineteenth convention of the District was held at Concordia College, Edmonton, June 29—July 2, with an attendance of forty-eight pastors, six professors, and thirty-four delegates.

In the opening service, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Vice-President Dr. H. Harms preached, and the Rev. F. Gabert delivered the confessional address. The convention was opened with an address by the District President, the Rev. W. C. Eifert. The convention essay by Prof. J. Herzer dealt with "Lessons for Our Day and Age from the Second Epistle of St. Peter." The Rev. W. A. Raedeke, Executive Secretary, reported that the forty-eight parishes of the District consist of 147 congregations and preaching stations, with 13,500 baptized and 7,800 communicant members. Most missionaries serve from five to ten stations, the farthest often being more than one hundred miles from the parsonage. During the last two years six new churches have been built, and six are under construction. Nine parsonages have been bought or built. Because of the rising costs of living all congregations were asked to increase the salaries of their pastors.

The Rev. V. Eichenlaub, Chairman of the Board of Directors, showed that the congregations of the District have greatly increased their contributions for church purposes. In 1940 the members contributed $50,670 for all purposes, but in 1947 a total of $206,770. The average increased from $7.26 in 1940 to $26.24 in 1947, partly due to special building projects in a number of parishes and to special relief contributions.

Pastor J. Ohlinger, reporting on Christian education, stated that four Christian day schools are in operation, with an enrollment of 113. Sunday schools have an enrollment of 2,100. Twenty-four parishes have Saturday schools, and twenty-eight have vacation Bible schools. The Sunday school by mail has a total enrollment of 1,500.

Dr. A. H. Schwermann, President of our Concordia College at Edmonton, pointed out that this institution has now been in operation for twenty-seven years. More than half of the pastors at present serving in Western Canada have received part of their training there. The enrollment reached a new high of ninety-six for the 1947-1948 term.

Youth work, according to the report by the Rev. C. C. Janzow, presents many problems, especially in the far-flung parishes. The result is that

less than half of the sixteen hundred young people in the District are members of young people's societies.

The following were elected as District officers: The Rev. W. C. Eifert, President; Pastors C. C. Janzow and C. F. Baase, Vice-Presidents; Rev. A. Fenske, Secretary; Mr. A. Knebel, Treasurer. The Board of Directors consists of Pastors V. Eichenlaub, C. I. Klewer, E. Wildgrube, and Messrs. T. Appelt, H. Folkman, E. A. Lange, and W. Rosnau. V. EICHENLAUB

Atlantic District Convention

The twenty-eighth convention of the Atlantic District assembled on the campus of Concordia, Bronxville, N. Y., June 28—July 1. In his opening address President H. J. Rippe reminded the delegates of the privileges and responsibilities contained in the names God applies to His people. Dr. Arthur Brunn, Second Vice-President of Synod, represented Dr. J. W. Behnken. He also inducted the newly elected officers in the Convention Service. President Rippe commissioned the missionaries at large and welcomed the new members of Synod. Pastor L. Roehm, Hudson, N. Y., preached in the Communion Service; Pastor H. Halter, Bronxville Community Chapel, was the celebrant. The essayists and their topics were: Pastor H. J. Boettcher, Counselor for Parish Education to the Minnesota District, "Christ-Centered Parish Education, Purposeful and Therefore Planned"; and Pastor C. M. Zorn, "The Holy Ghost and His Work."

Presenting the Mission program of the District, Pastor L. Henze, Executive Secretary of Missions, called on the following missionaries to describe various phases of their work: Ed. Marohn, work among the unchurched of New England; C. Sabourin, work among the Negroes of New York City; H. Wolk, work among the students in New England; H. Kern, the trailer-mission and spiritual contact by mail; R. Kivirana, Estonian work; and Th. Bornhoeft, the results achieved by help of the Church Extension Fund.

Eight pastors working in Europe and endorsed by the Board of Home Missions in Europe applied for and were received into membership with Synod. In addition, thirteen others laboring in the District were received. Seven congregations also became members of Synod.

Pastor A. W. Brustat, Secretary of Education, introduced the resolutions pertaining to this work. They were numerous and detailed and covered every phase of Christian education from the cradle roll to college.

In addition, the convention concerned itself with such projects as an annuity plan to increase Church Extension funds, the school for the deaf in the East, the fund raising for the new center for Chinese work in Chinatown, and the development of a working arrangement between the Board of Directors and the charitable institutions by means of a Welfare Committee.

In the opening devotions before each session the following pastors spoke: E. Umbach, L. Buchheimer, C. S. David, B. W. Janssen. Pastor H. Gallman preached in the Memorial Service.

The youth and number of lay delegates at this convention indicated strikingly that many of our young men returning from the wars are again serving the Prince of Peace.

H. H. N.

English District Convention Report

During three full-day sessions of business the English District discharged a complex agenda of astonishing proportions. Meeting at Concordia College, River Forest, Ill., from noon of June 15 to noon of June 18, it elected nineteen officials, eleven boards and committees, and fourteen lay and pastoral representatives. It heard reports and passed resolutions governing as many boards and committees, gave attention to Synod's affairs from the report of Vice-President Harms, listened to six appeals from synodically controlled institutions, and passed measures to manage its work between conventions more effectively. It also made recommendations to the General Body of Synod on such matters as the National Lutheran Council, lay representation on committees and boards, and limitation of Synod's promotional material. During one morning, one evening, and between business sessions it found time for four services, one in which over 250 lay and pastoral delegates attended Communion, another in which the Rev. Martin Walker led a Memorial Service for the late President Guido Schuessler, Pastors Warner Grothman and Theodore Pieper, and Mr. Eugene Rummel, former treasurer of the Mission Board. Another service in part took note of the retirement of the Rev. Arthur Kaub, and still another inducted its new officers. Six short devotions were led by as many pastors before the business sessions. The convention essay was presented by Dr. A. M. Rehwinkel.

A digest of the principal enactments follows:

1. Acceptance of nine congregations during the past biennium.

2. Transfer of four congregations to other Districts during the past biennium.

3. Acknowledgment of thirteen new missions begun since the last convention.

4. Appreciation to four congregations which became self-supporting.

5. Authorization to call an Associate Executive Secretary of Missions Stewardship.

6. Resolves pointed to strengthen Church Extension Fund by approval loans up to $500,000 and measures to crease gifts to this fund.

7. Definition of authority of the D trict Board of Education to subsid schools in congregations not subsidized the Mission Board.

8. Approval of a convention nomin ing committee of twelve men.

9. Permission to Montana congre tions to form their own circuit.

The Rev. Herman Bartels of Clev land Heights, Ohio, was re-elect President, and the Revs. H. G. Klein H. B. Hemmeter, and Edwin L. Wils were re-elected regional Vice-Pre idents. Rev. C. F. Dankworth Mr. Willian E. Junge were re-elect Secretary and Treasurer, respective The only new Visitors are Rev. P G. Krentz for the West Chicago Circ and the Rev. Henry C. Duwe for North Chicago Circuit. The rest we re-elected. ROGER L. SOMMER

Western District Convention

The Sixty-Seventh Convention the Western District met at Concor Seminary, St. Louis, June 14—18. Vic President F. A. Hertwig represent President J. W. Behnken. Dr. W Arndt and Pastor W. Stuenkel pr sented the convention essays. Sev congregations were accepted i membership.

Rev. H. H. Hohenstein, Director KFUO, described the splendid progr this station is making, but report that $200,000 remain to be paid on present expansion program.

President L. J. Sieck of Concor Seminary reported an anticipated Se tember enrollment of 453 students a stated that 579 students are expect by 1950, about 179 above dormit capacity.

The convention adopted a Board Directors "to better co-ordinate District's missionary and educatio work." The Board will consist of elected officers of the District: R E. L. Roschke, President; Rev. T. Weinhold, First Vice-President; R A. M. Lohmann, Second Vice-Preside Rev. Theo. Gerken, Secretary; and Lawrence J. Rupprecht, Treasur plus four pastors of voting congreg tions, three teachers, and four laym

Rev. Martin Schaefer, Mission D rector, reported that forty-eight D trict missions are being support Pleas for fifteen new missions had be rejected because of the lack funds. The Rev. R. H. C. Mey chairman of the Church Extensi Fund Board, reported the purcha of twenty-three building sites $113,053, the erection of twenty- chapels, thirteen parsonages, and school. Loans to the extend $200,000 on an interest-bearing ba for new churches were authorized

Church Extension Fund. The Dis- t thanked the L. W. L. for its fine peration and generous gift of 000 for mission chapels. The Rev. E. Herrmann, Stewardship Secre- , reported that our members have tributed $10,000 more this year than 947, but that there is an operating cit of $42,000. It was resolved that gregations should familiarize them- es with the sealed pledge and con- r its adoption.

Mr. Martin Schaefer, representing E. P. C., urged congregations to ticipate in the Christian Rural erseas Program, a plan for the col- ion of farm products for relief pur- es.

President Alb. J. C. Moeller of St. l's College, Concordia, Mo., re- ted that the architects' plans for a $80,000 central heating plant and 300,000 administration building are ready.

Prof. H. Sasse of the University of ngen extended hearty thanks for gifts of love sent by our Lutherans suffering Germany and praised the logy of the Missouri Synod, urg- her to continue steadfast in the faith for the sake of all Protes- ism.

The Mission Board was directed to ease salaries of its workers where essary. A resolution introduced by special laymen's committee that ry congregation should review the ries of its workers and increase n where necessary was adopted.

ELMER E. MASCHOFF

Obituary

All obituaries and death notices should be to Prof. W. G. Polack, R. 1, Ray, Ind.

The Rev. George Adolph Mueller (d. . 4, 1947), son of Mr. and Mrs. John eller, was born at Hohenboeken, Olden- g, Germany, Nov. 10, 1865. With his nts he landed in America in 1879. studied at our Concordias in Fort yne and St. Louis, graduating in 1889. During his senior year at the sem- y he traveled to Midland, Cuba, and ames, Mo., on two Sundays of every nth to serve a few Lutheran families the Bread of Life. On the advice of Rev. J. L. Gehrmann of Babbtown, Student Mueller in the spring of organized congregations at each of e preaching stations, wrote up a call, sent it to Rev. J. F. Biltz, President of Western District. The College of sidents, after adding Elk Prairie to the e stations, assigned the call to Grad- e Mueller. He was ordained and in- led at St. James, Mo., on Sept. 15, 1889, the Rev. H. Bartels of St. Louis, the rice being conducted in the Methodist rch. His field of activity was large. traveled on a pony through the Ozarks r hill and dale, fording rivers, on roads cow paths from the Missouri River Houston, Mo., in Texas County, and Plato in Wright County, at times covering 150 miles on the round trip.

In April, 1894, the Lord of the Church called him to Immanuel Church in Lockwood, where he spent the greater part of his ministry. After his resignation, in 1934, because of advanced age, he lived in retirement at Lockwood until the Lord called him to the Church Triumphant.

He was united in holy marriage on Oct. 28, 1890, with Meta, nee Schulenberg, of Babbtown, Mo. The Lord blessed this union with ten children. His wife as well as one son preceded him in death. Of the nine children surviving two sons are serving the Lord in a special way, Pastor Otto Mueller of Durham, Kans., and Teacher Oscar Mueller of Sacramento, Calif.

His pastor, J. H. Gassner, delivered the sermon at the burial on Nov. 7, basing his remarks on Job 4:3-4. Rev. L. C. Hermerding, representing the Circuit and the District, spoke words of comfort on the basis of Joshua 1:2 a. The body was laid to rest at Lockwood, Mo., Rev. Alw. Rohlfing reading the committal service.

J. H. GASSNER

The Rev. I. Swamidason, born on June 27, 1882, is no longer with us. Near midnight of March 30, it pleased the Lord of life and death to call His servant from his labors. His body was laid to rest in the Nagercoil Cemetery on the evening of March 31. Those who came together at his home to pay their respects were addressed on the basis of Hebrews 13:7. Many of our congregations had representatives among the mourners, and not a few non-Lutherans were in attendance. The Church carrying on the struggle here on earth has lost an Israelite in whom there was no guile. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and three daughters, two of whom have served in the Mission as teachers. The third is the wife of Catechist J. Manuel.

The Rev. I. Swamidason was baptized and confirmed by the Rev. A. Huebener in 1908 and was ordained in 1928 upon the completion of the seminary course. He worked in the following places. Checkady, Maruchaltalai, Vadaseri, Sadiyapuram, Mangulam, Kalungadi, Nagercoil Boys' Boarding, Vellamadam, Pandarapuram, Nagercoil Girls' Boarding, Shungangadai, Seralvilai, Thittamangulam, Vehmputhur, and other villages. At the end of 1943 he had a heart attack which incapacitated him for a number of months. In May, 1944, he took up work in his last charge, Vadaseri, where he served faithfully until a second heart attack in the middle of March put an end to his service. On March 14 he received Communion for the last time. He fell asleep in Christ while hearing some of the choicest Gospel promises. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

R. H. BRAUER

The Rev. George J. Jilg (d. May 19, 1948), born May 3, 1897, near St. Louis, in the community known as Columbia Bottoms, was trained for the ministry at our Concordia at Springfield, where he graduated in June, 1923. His first parish was at Kingman and Cunningham, Kans., where he served from August, 1923, to November, 1927. Then he moved to Peace Church, Waco, Nebr., where he was active until January, 1940, when he resigned from the ministry. In August, 1944, he was installed in Trinity Church, near Scribner, Nebr. In April of this year, 1948, his health failed, and his congregation gave him a leave of absence. He went to St. Louis and on April 19 entered the Lutheran Hospital there for treatment. Here he passed away on May 19 at the age of 51 years and 16 days.

He married Amelia Porath of Newell, Iowa, on Aug. 5, 1923. This union was blessed with three sons and one daughter; one son, Paul, is a student at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo. He is survived by his wife and children, his aged mother, six brothers, and three sisters.

Services were held at St. Peter's Church, Columbia Bottoms, Mo., on May 20, the Rev. Wm. Hepting preaching on John 12:26. The remains were then taken to Scribner, Nebr., where services were held on Sunday, May 23, at Trinity Church, with interment in the family plot at Memorial Park Cemetery, Fremont, Nebr., the Rev. J. H. Schaefer, em., officiating in the home and at the altar, the undersigned preaching on 2 Cor. 12:9 and officiating at the cemetery.

R. M. MUHL

The Rev. George F. Schmidt (d. June 21, 1948), pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Seattle, Wash., was called into the Church Triumphant shortly after midnight, June 21, 1948, as he was preparing for a night's sleep in a berth on the train which was to take him to Portland to visit an old friend, Dr. Wm. Arndt of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The day before he had confirmed a class of catechumens and administered Holy Communion to his congregation. The week previous he had taken an active part in the convention of the Oregon and Washington District at Zion Church, Snohomish, Wash.

George Frederick Schmidt was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schmidt of Bayonne, N. J., born Feb. 29, 1884. His professional training was received at Concordia Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. He was ordained in St. John's Church, Bayonne, on Sept. 1, 1906, by the Rev. John Volk.

He served as general missionary in Virginia and West Virginia, and congregations in Westwood, N. J., Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y., Immanuel, New York City, Immanuel, Southey, Saskatchewan, and Hope, Seattle, since 1939. He was always active in the work of the church at large and served in many capacities. During World War I he was General Field Secretary for the Army and Navy Board of Synod. He served two terms as Vice-President of the Oregon and Washington District, was a member of the District Board of Directors since its inception, and was prominent in finance and stewardship activities throughout Synod. His interest in helping others was shown in his active part in organizing Associated Lutheran Welfare in Washington, being an executive officer of the first board of directors of the agency.

Funeral services were conducted at Hope Church on Thursday, June 24. The Rev. Carl H. Bensene, President of the Oregon and Washington District, and the Rev. R. Spannaus, Assistant Pastor of Hope and Executive Secretary of Associated Lutheran Welfare, officiated jointly in the church and at the committal service. Dr. William Arndt brought the message of

comfort based on Heb. 13:8. The Rev. Martin Zagel of Portland, a close friend of the deceased, conducted a brief family prayer service at the parsonage. Interment was at Forest Lawn in Seattle, near the resting place of the sainted Oscar Korsmeyer, the first pastor of Hope Church and the predecessor of the departed.

He is survived in this life by his widow, the former Emma Pieper, daughter of the sainted Dr. Francis Pieper, whom he married in 1908, and by two sisters. — Daniel 12:3. R. SPANNAUS

The Rev. Herman H. Heidbreder (d. July 4, 1948) was born in Quincy, Ill., on Oct. 20, 1889, son of William Heidbreder and his wife, Hannah. He received his ministerial training at St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., graduating in 1910, and at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, graduating in 1913. His first call was to St. Peter's Church in La Grange, Mo., where he was ordained and installed on Aug. 19, 1913. In 1922 he came to Sedalia, Mo., to serve as pastor of St. Paul's Church. Under his able leadership the little congregation grew to a communicant membership of almost 500.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Heidbreder, and a daughter. Funeral services were conducted in St. Paul's Church, Sedalia, on July 6, the Rev. E. G. Bultmann officiating in the home. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. E. L. Roschke, President of the Western District, on Job 19:25-27. The Rev. H. J. Gerike read the obituary. Immediately following the service the mortal remains were taken to Quincy, Ill., where funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Paul Beinke of La Grange, Mo., a close friend of the deceased. For six years he served as Visitor of the Sedalia Circuit.

H. J. GERICKE

New Publications

Unless otherwise noted, all publications reviewed in the "Lutheran Witness" may be secured from or through Concordia Publishing House, 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

Studies in the Gospel According to Saint Matthew. By Dr. J. M. Weidenschilling. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis 18, Missouri. Textbook, 65 cents, teacher's guide, $1.00.

These booklets, one for the teacher, the other for the pupil, will prove helpful to those who wish to become better acquainted with St. Matthew's Gospel. However, we shall never agree that Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount preached nothing but the Law. The Beatitudes are not Law, but Gospel. Those who are still in doubt about this should read the article on the Beatitudes in the *Theological Monthly*, Volume VIII, p. 362 ff.

M. S. S.

Evening Bells at Bethany. By Norman A. Madson. Lutheran Synod Book Co., Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minn. 152 and VIII pages. $2.

The author, Dean of Bethany Lutheran Seminary at Mankato, in this book makes available a series of forty-two addresses which he delivered before his students from Sept. 24, 1946, to Dec. 7, 1947. Each is based on a Scripture text, the content of which is applied to our modern life. Each message brings the Law in its severity, but also the sweet Gospel and propounds heart-searching questions to the student audience. That Dean Madson understands to strike a responsive chord in the heart of his young hearers is proved by the fact that the volume owes its origin to the request of the student body that these meditations might be made available in printed form. G. V. S.

Music

Reviewed by Walter Wismar

Fifteen Voluntaries and Fugues for the Organ. By Thomas Roseingrave. Edited by A. V. Butcher. $2.00.

This collection of excellent organ music is available in the Hinrichsen edition, published in England. The composer, a contemporary of Bach and Handel, lived from 1690 to 1766; the music historian Charles Burney speaks in glowing terms when describing the ability of his fellow Englishman Thomas Roseingrave. The present collection illustrates the outstanding ability of Roseingrave; the music is straightforward and to the point, as a rule a bit above the ability of the average organist.

Selected Organ Music of John Blow. Edited by A. V. Butcher. $2.00.

Another worth-while collection in the Hinrichsen Edition. John Blow (1649 to 1708) is one of England's great masters; Burney reports that he played in "a bold and grand style." The compositions included in Dr. Butcher's volume range from medium-difficult to difficult; here, too, we have robust and virile music, written by a man who understood how to write for the organ.

Voluntary in D Major. By Samuel Wesley. Edited by Kenneth Simpson. 50 cents.

Though good music, this composition does not measure up to the works of Roseingrave and Blow. It is also less difficult.

Two Clavier Pieces — Minuet and Ayre. By Jeremiah Clarke. Arranged for organ by John Brydson. 50 cents each.

Jeremiah Clarke (ca. 1659—1707) is another of England's better-known composers. These two compositions may hardly be regarded as church music, though they have a charm all their own.

Contemplation. By Lamont Kennaway. 80 cents.

A well-written composition by an English composer of our day who writes pleasing music with fecundity and talent.

Fantasia and Fugue. By Th. Bubeck. Edited by Lancelot G. Bark. 90 cents.

While the Fugue of this composition is not too well known in America, the Fantasy has become rather well known through the edition prepared by Clarence Dickinson. The Fugue is somewhat more difficult than the moderately difficult Fantasy. Both are very good organ music by a 20th-century composer. The composition is dedicated to Ch. M. Widor.

Miscellaneous

Ordinations and Installations

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

CANDIDATES

Ordained:

Geerdes, Bernard, in First English Chur Spencer, Iowa, by O. C. Geisler, 8. Sun. Tr., July 18.

Natzke, Norman, in Immanuel Church, n Merrill, Wis., by R. W. Goetsch, 10. Sun. Tr., Aug. 1.

Wolfram, James T., in Redeemer Church, Ve tura, Iowa, by W. T. Wolfram, 8. Sun. p. T July 18.

Ordained and Commissioned:

Gall, John, in St. Luke's Church, Croydon, P as missionary to the Mohammedans, by Th Kohlmeier, 9. Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

Hintze, Otto J., in Zion Church, El Paso, Te as missionary in New Guinea, by O. Schmidt, 9. Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

Meyer, Walter H., Jr., in Grace Church, Tul Okla., as missionary in the Oklahoma D trict, by Clarence W. Knippa, 8. Sun. p. T July 18.

Schardt, Wayne, in Sioux Rapids, Iowa, as m sionary in Iowa District West, by J. M. A sorge, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.

Ordained and Installed:

Becker, Bernard H., in First English Congre tion, Spring Valley, Minn., by W. C. Lohr 9. Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

Biesenthal, W. Leroy, in Bethlehem Congre tion,, Detroit, Mich., by Paul J. Gold, Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Braem, Theo. A., in St. Paul's Congregati Hackensack, Minn., by Paul Walther, 10. S p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Gerken, Oscar, in Trinity Congregation, Cas Ill., by Aug. Gerken, 10. Sun. p. Tr., Aug.

Holtz, Arlin A., in Trinity Congregation, H rin, Ill., by Roy G. Moeller, 10. Sun. p. T Aug. 1.

Korby, Kenneth, in Redeemer Congregati St. Paul, Minn., by Herbert Lindemann, Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

Krentz, Arno E., in Calvary Congregation, B ford, Ind., by Arnold F. Krentz, 10. S p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Rode, George, in St. Paul's Congregation, Wh tome, Sask., Can., by C. Wirth, 8. Sun. Tr., July 18 .

Russert, Martin L., in Faith Congregati Ukiah, Calif., by Martin A. Russert, 8. S p, Tr., July 18.

Rutkowsky, Frederick E., in Redeemer C gregation, North Bay, Ont., Can., by Da G. Meyer, 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.

PASTORS

Baumung, C., in St. Luke's Congregation, Z N. Dak., and in St. John's Congregation n Zap, N. Dak., by Fred Riedel, 9. Sun. p. July 25.

Dubbe, H., in Immanuel Congregation, B ners Ferry, Idaho, by E. G. Jaech, 8. Sun Tr., July 18.

Ebeling, Henry C., in St. John's Congregati Bayonne, N. J., by Carl Bergen, 9. Sun. p. July 25.

Heinze, Walter, in First St. Paul's Congre tion, Wellesley, and in St. John's Congre tion, Poole, by Pres. F. Malinsky and in E manuel Congregation, Petersburg, Ont., C by H. C. Voege, 10. Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Janzow, F. Samuel, in Trinity Congregati Monterey, Minn., by G. J. C. Gerike, Sun. p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Jehn, Ernest J. C., in Trinity Congregati Racine, Wis., by Felix Kretzschmar, 9. S p. Tr., July 25.

Klemp, Arthur C., in Our Savior Congregati Excelsior, Minn., by Erwin E. Schroeder, Sun. p. Tr., July 25.

Koch, Julius E., in St. Stephan's Congregati Atkins, Iowa, by O. T. Schreiber, 9. S p. Tr., July 25.

Meyer, Daryl G., in St. Paul's Congregati Kitchener, Ont., Can., by A. Eissfeldt, 9. S p. Tr., July 25.

Neunaber, Herman F., in Trinity Congre tion, Corpus Christi, Tex., by Edwin A. W 8. Sun. p. Tr., July 18.

Runge, E. L., in Redeemer Congregation, M shalltown, Iowa, by K. J. Baumgart, 10. S p. Tr., Aug. 1.

Ruthenbeck, L., in St. Paul's Congregati Driscoll, N. Dak., by Elmer Moeller, 8. S p. Tr., July 18.

t, *Herbert W.*, in Immanuel Congrega- Bartlett Twp., and in Redeemer Con- tion, Verndale, Minn., by F. H. Mueller, n. p. Tr., July 11.
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Educational Institutions

ordia College, Edmonton, Alberta, will s 28th school year Tuesday, Sept. 14. cially accredited high school course be- th Grade 10. The chief purpose of this is to prepare young men for the study logy at St. Louis, Mo. It also offers a education to such boys and girls as prepare for normal entrance or uni- matriculation. The cost of board is r the school year, and the registration $10. Tuition fees for all who do not for service in our Synod are $2.00 per - about $70 per year. Further informa- given in the college catalog, which will rfully furnished upon request. Address nmunications to the principal of the REV. A. H. SCHWERMANN, Concordia Col- dmonton, Alta., Can.

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Announcements

Rev. D. R. Boernke of Butte, Mont., has been appointed as Visitor of the newly created English District Montana Circuit. — H. W. BARTELS, *President*, English District.

Rev. Alfred Sudars, Chicago, Ill., has successfully passed a colloquium conducted by the following pastors of the Northern Illinois District: E. H. H. Gade, Herbert A. Harthun, Theo. F. Nickel. The Examining Committee of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod hereby declares Pastor Alfred Sudars eligible for a call in our Synod. — G. CHR. BARTH, D. D.; L. J. SIECK, D. D.; F. A. HERTWIG, *Chairman.*

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Request

Anyone knowing of Synodical Conference Lutheran students that are and will be attending River Falls State Teachers College, River Falls, Wis., is asked to notify student pastor REV. HAROLD F. WINTER, 519 St. Croix St., Hudson, Wis.

Call for Candidates

With the permission of Synod's Board for Higher Education, the Board of Control of Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., requests the congregations of Synod to nominate candidates for the now vacant chair of Latin and Greek in the High School Department. The brethren nominated should be well qualified to teach High School Latin and Greek and capable of assuming such other staff assignments as the needs of the school may require.

Kindly send all nominations and communications regarding same to the undersigned no later than Sept. 15, 1948. — L. S. WAGNER, *Secretary*, 219-10 101st Ave., Queens Village 9, N. Y.

Suggestions for Research Projects

The Committee on allocating C. T. O. Funds for scholarly research is giving consideration to research projects that might receive support from this fund. The Committee herewith invites suggestions for possible research projects. Any suggestions that you have that will help the Committee in its work, or any specific research projects that you would like to suggest to the Committee, should be addressed to ARTHUR L. MILLER, *Secretary*, 3558 South Jefferson Ave., St. Louis 18, Mo.

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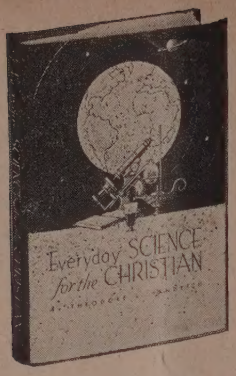

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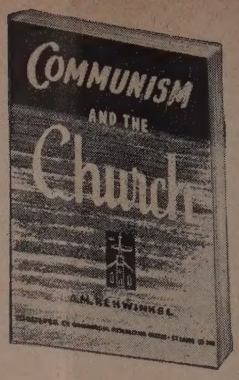

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